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this morning. But those kind of bills are very difficult for me, and I'm going to support it until I hear from Senator Wehrbein that he has no intention to push it all the way through. If his intent is to push it all the way through, I'm going to support it all the way through, because my internal struggle was when I cast that vote earlier. But I'm just alerting him to...where I am on this bill and I'm going to try to steel his spine, s-t-e-e-l, so that that work that I did in overcoming my objection will not have been in vain. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Doctor of the day introduced.) There are no further lights. Senator Wehrbein, wish to close? Senator Wehrbein waives losing. The question before the body is, shall LB 1348A be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1348A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 1348A does advance to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, the next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1427A, by Senator Jensen. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Suttle, I understand that you're here to open for Senator Jensen.

SENATOR SUTTLE: I am.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized at this time to open.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, in order for LB 1427 to be implemented so that nursing homes can be converted into ambulatory or community-based facilities, we are taking \$14 million out of the Tobacco Settlement and money that we're getting from the federal government. Before it goes into the trust fund, it goes into the Nursing Facility Conversion Fund. This fund is working. It's one of the few programs that has proven to be efficacious in its effort to decrease the costs of nursing homes and would